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1. A force of 12,000 men gathered from Kuchang (109-59, 28-37), Chiencheng (118-13, 28-14), Fenghuang (109-32, 27-56), and Yungsui (109-25, 28-37) attacked and occupied Aichai (109-37, 28-21), Hoshi (110-56, 28-56), and Sungpaiwan (109-50, 28-10) on the Szechuan-Hunan highway. These forces consisted of two Miao regiments led by T'IEN Fu-mao (田 信茂) and YANG Kuang-sheng (楊 光生) of the 8 Column of the Hunan Anti-Communist Army under CHANG Tieh-hsiang (張鐵湘), and the Miao troops of the 6 Division of the New 8 Army under LUNG En-pu (龍恩普).

2. The force captured 126 Communist motor vehicles, 30,000 cattles of edible salt, 5,000 cattles of cotton, 64 cases of 6.5mm rifle bullets, 322 rifles, 21 light machine-guns, four small guns, and 450 Soviet-made hand grenades. Part of a battalion attached to the 141 Division, 47 Army, escaped at Sungpaiwan, but all other Communist troops were encircled and disarmed. Traffic on the Szechuan-Hunan highway has since been cut off.

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